

REMARKS


In response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 11, 2003, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Applicant amends claim 1 as shown above merely for clarification. Specifically, Applicant replaces two occurrences of the term "first perforating device" with --first perforating tool--, to be consistent with the remainder of the claim. Similarly, Applicant has replaced the term "page" with the term --sheet-- to be consistent with the remainder of the claim as filed. These amendments are clearly supported throughout the specification, including the original claims as filed, and do not add any new matter. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to accept and enter these amendments.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
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